

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to compel their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary just days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's much more important to see and hear real people from our own communities and more relevant news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen and enforce media ownership rules, not weaken or destroy them. They show why the license renewal process needs to consist of more than a returned postcard. Thank you.